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SUBJ: EAST-WEST TRADE UNION CONFERENCE OF JANUARY 19

REF: (A) STATE 14283 (B) GENEVA 371

1. ANSWERS TO MOST QUESTIONS IN REF A ANSWERED IN REF B WHICH APPARENTLY HAD NOT YET REACHED DEPT. FOLLOWING MAY HELP TO CLARIFY ADDITIONAL POINTS:

(A) COMMUNIQUE NOT ISSUED IN ANYONE'S NAME. SIMPLY APPROVED BY THE MEETING AND DISTRIBUTED AS A COMMUNIQUE OF THE MEETING. DRAFT WAS PRODUCT OF EIGHT-MEMBER WORKING PARTY (PARA 3 REF B) CONSISTING OF SHELEPIN, MURRAY, VETTER, HOUTHUYS (BELGIUM), WIN-KOCK (SIC) (HOLLAND), NEUKRANTZ (GDR), DUHAMEL (FRANCE-CGT) AND NEILSON (DENMARK). SHELEPIN AND NEILSON REPORTEDLY HAD INTERPRETERS WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR TEN CITED IN REF B.

(B) NO PRESS CONFERENCE HELD, BUT INDIVIDUAL PRESS INTER-VIEWS GRANTED (PARA 6 REF B).

(C) COMMUNIQUE ISSUED UNDER TITLE "MEETING OF EUROPEAN TRADE UNION LEADERS" (GENEVA 341). BUT MEETING WAS LISTED IN EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM OF MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 19 AS "WORKERS GROUP OF THE CONFERENCE."

(D) NO CONCLUSIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS ARE TO BE REFERRED TO ILO AS WAS CASE AT APARTHEID CONFERENCE.

2. NO SPECIAL MECHANISM WAS CREATED TO PLAN FOLLOW-UP MEETING (PARA 2 REF B). ONLY REFERENCE TO FOLLOW-UP WAS COMMUNIQUE STATEMENT THAT NEXT CONFERENCE WOULD BE PREPARED BY FOUR EUROPEAN WORKER MEMBERS GB IN CLOSEST CONSULTATION WITH ALL NATIONAL CENTERS. LATTER QUALIFYING PHRASE REPORTEDLY INSERTED AT INSISTENCE SOME OF THE SMALLER WEST EUROPEAN NATIONAL CENTERS TO INSURE THAT THEY WOULD BE CONSULTED ON FUTURE PLANS.

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3. VETTER'S ALLEGED STATEMENT RE EE'S FAILURE TO SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH WE'S ON OIL EMBARGO (REF A) WAS GIVEN SEVERAL VERSIONS BY EYE WITNESSES IN GENEVA. TWO ATTENDEES AT TRADE UNION MEETING SAID THEY DID NOT HEAR VETTER MAKE ANY SUCH STATEMENT. A THIRD SAID IT WAS MADE AT JANUARY 18 PREPARATORY MEETING (PARA 2 REF B). ANOTHER VERSION HAD VETTER MAKING STATEMENT IN A LETTER ADDRESSED TO EE'S. AFTERNOON JANUARY 23 MISSOFF FOUND PARTICIPANT WHO RECALLED VETTER MAKING A STATEMENT AT MEETING

IN WHICH HE CALLED ON EE TRADE UNION LEADERS TO INTERVENE WITH
THEIR GOVTS. IN EFFORT TO HALT EMBARGO WHICH WAS CAUSING
UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS IN WE, BUT WHICH WOULD INEVITABLY CREATE
PROBLEMS IN EE ALSO. INDIVIDUAL RELATING ABOVE ACCOUNT DID
NOT RECALL ANY RESPONSE FROM EE'S.

4. SIGNIFICANT CONFERENCE DEVELOPMENTS WHICH MISSION COULD
VERIFY AS WELL AS ASSESSMENT OF RESULTS PROMPTLY REPORTED REF B.
ANY SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION THAT MISSION CAN FERRET OUT WILL BE
REPORTED SOONEST.BASSIN

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